SENATE BILL 1424

By Marrero B

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, relative to insurance for retired teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-302, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (e) and by redesignating the subsequent subsection accordingly:

(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state shall provide reimbursement to local education agencies for insurance premiums of retired teachers who are not eligible for Medicare and who, during their employment, were covered by the local education agency's health insurance program, instead of the basic plan authorized in subsection (a)(1). The schedule of reimbursement for such teachers shall be equivalent to the schedule under subsection (d) (1). All such funds reimbursed to a local education agency shall be used to reduce the medical insurance premiums of such retired teachers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.